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MINING AND LUMBER INDUSTRIES NEED WORKERS

MINES NEED 4,100 APPRENTICES ANNUALLY -- Prace, No 65, 18 Mar 49

The average age of miners is 10 years greater than in 1937. The result of this is that 2,500 miners retire annually. The mines in the Czech Provinces need 3,500 apprentices this year, and 600 in Slovakia.

PRINTING WORKERS INTO FORESTRY -- Prace, No 65, 16 Mar 49

The Union of Graphic and Printing Workers, ROH (Revolutionary Trade Union Movement), is presently faced with the problem of shifting its extra workers into industries which need more workers. For this reason, they are organizing a program to aid the lumber industry, where there is a need for 2,000 long-term brigade workers.

The first 6-month brigade will begin cutting wood on 1 April 1949, and another on 15 April 1949. In this manner, about 1,000 extra printing workers will be transferred smoothly from an overpopulated trade.

Preparations are being made to feed and house the brigade workers.

SLOVAK YOUTH UNION RECRUITS NEW MEMBERS -- Pravda, No 60, 12 Mar 49

The recruitment drive for members of the Union of Slovak Youth is proceeding very rapidly. During the 2-day period of 7 and 8 March, there were 1,958 applications, from new members, of whom 694 were from Banska Bystrica Kraj.

During a 4-day period this week, there was a total of 3,909 applications. The breakdown by krajs is as follows: Bratislava Kraj, 1,385; Banska Bystrica Kraj, 830; Kosice Kraj, 733; Zilina Kraj, 550; Presov Kraj, 337; and Nitra Kraj, 76.

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